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## San Gabriel Valley Man Found Guilty of Military Reservist's Death

A Rowland Heights man charged with the fatal assault of a military reservist in Old Town Pasadena was found guilty today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for less than two days before convicting Fernando Sabino Ramirez of one count each of assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury and involuntary manslaughter, according to Head Deputy Barbara Murphy of the Pasadena Branch.

Jurors also found true an allegation that the defendant personally inflicted a sufficient injury that left the victim comatose due to a brain injury.

Judge Dorothy Shubin ordered Ramirez to return for sentencing on Dec. 1 in Department B of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pasadena Branch. Ramirez faces a maximum possible sentence of nine years in state prison.

The defendant was remanded into custody immediately after today's hearing.

Four other defendants charged in connection with the death of military reservist Joshua Martinez, 25, have already pleaded no contest to one count each of assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury.

Jonas Cardenas Ramos of San Gabriel and Angel Christopher Moroyoqui of El Monte are expected to be sentenced on Nov. 5 in Department H of the Pasadena Branch.

Jonathan Pierre Aquino of El Monte and Timothy Scott Coley of West Covina were sentenced on July 16 to three years of formal probation and 60 days of community service.

Evidence presented at trial demonstrated that Ramirez physically assaulted victim Martinez outside a restaurant in Old Town Pasadena on Aug. 5, 2013, while Ramos and Moroyoqui aided in the assault.

Following the altercation, the victim – an active reservist in the United States Marine Corps – was transported to a local hospital where he later died.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Christine Kee and investigated by the Pasadena Police Department.

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